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Merry Christmas Royal Rangers

From the Editor's Pen:

What a year 1985 has proved to be!

At the beginning of the year we said that his our 20th Anniversary Year in Australia would be a good one, there would be activities and we trusted the Lord for close to 600 new Royal Rangers. As I sit and write this editorial, it is now October and many of the groups are considering their year end programmes, in fact as you read this, you may have just held the last one! Where do we stand today?

I set out a comparison of 1984 to 1985.

State	Charters in 1985	Charters in 1986	Growth %
NSW	477	658	37.9
S.A.	543	624	14.9
W.A.	89	211	137.0
VIC.	517	407	
QLD.	1641	1493	

In Victoria's case there are still five of their twelve groups charters to be receive, (they charter as at 30 June).

In Queensland's case there are also five charters overdue, they should have been received as at 31 March.

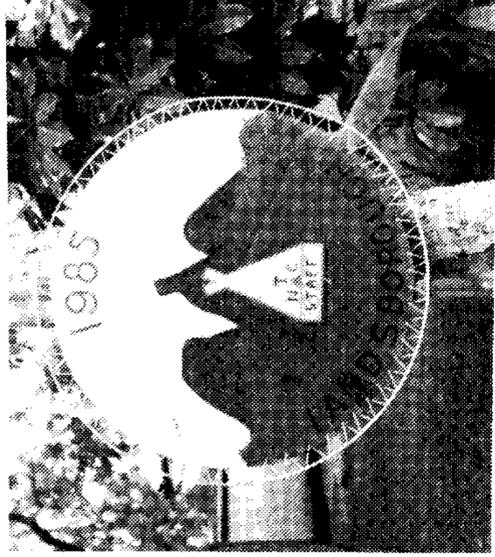
Don't let us rest on our laurels, keep the growth going – not for numbers sake but for Australia's youth – it is lost and dying without Christ.

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FRONT COVER: The front cover shows the Staff Banner from the National Training Camp, held in June near Brisbane. This issue highlights the N.T.C. held near Sydney, next issue we trust that we can bring you – three N.T.C.s, ie those held in North Queensland, South Queensland and South Australia.

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CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN – 1042m HIGH WITH THE HEALESVILLE HARDIES

AN EIGHT KILOMETRE hike up and down Mount St. Leonard (1042m high) was the highlight of an exciting Waverley Christian Fellowship Camp during the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The mountain, with magnificent views of Melbourne and surrounding peaks, was a formidable foe but nothing deterred the Royal Rangers of Outpost 15 (Victoria) from having quite an adventure in God's natural wonderland.

Thirty six Royal Rangers went camping at Healesville, near the mountain. They hired Ferngully Lodge, set among mountain ash and fern gullies, because of the high risk of winter rain and heavy frosts.

The Pioneer-Trailblazer Girls travelled by small bus to the summit of Mount St Leonard and had lunch at the base of the fire tower; one Ranger presented devotions at this peaceful location. The girls then hiked down a long ridge back to camp.

The Pioneer Boys and several Buckaroo Girls, who had come to the camp on a day visit, had lunch at the lodge and then hiked up the mountain ridge to the top. The Trailblazers and Pioneers met half way on the ridge trail and exchanged information - and the bus keys!

On the Saturday morning of that weekend, the Trailblazer Boys were instructed in first aid by the various commanders and a Venturer Scout, Tim, who worked on his Queen's Scout Award.

On an afternoon hike up a nearby rugged hill, the boys went into first aid action as Tim fell, seriously injuring his knee. They secured the damaged knee and made a stretcher out of rope and clothing.

Tim was carried headfirst down the hill through rugged bush – an experience he admitted was 'rather frightening'. However, his injury was healed miraculously and Tim completely recovered! Hallelujah!

The night hike was more adventurous. The hike, along a circular track through the bush close to camp, became a challenge when all the boys' torches were taken away. Talk about confusion! As the eyes of became adjusted to the dark, the boys had no trouble in staying on the track all the way to camp.

A Commander took several Trailblazer boys fishing on a nearby river at 4 am on one of the mornings! Four hours later they came back to camp to tell of the one that got away - literally!

They caught an eel, but not for long. It simply coiled around a snag in the river and smiled goodbye? Eel 1; Trailblazers Nil!

Article Credit: Brian Hangar, Senior Commander, Waverley Christian Fellowship, Outpost 15, Victoria.

At Right: Climb every mountain, no matter how rugged! Just look at that slope!



QUEENSLAND'S SOUTH DISTRICT BUCKAROO '84 POW WOW

More than 280 Royal Rangers, their commanders and parents attended the 1984 Queensland South District Pow Wow held at Baden Powell Park during a November weekend.

After forming the camp on the Saturday morning an excellent demonstration was held on swim safety and canoeing, Commanders **Dot Muller** and **Graham Burton** gave the talks.

In the afternoon, it was fun and excitement with two hours of skits, stunts and entertainment. A highlight was the presentation from the Garden City Deaf Miming Group.

After the Sunday morning church service, the Buckaroos formed into four rotating groups for the hay ride, obstacle course, swimming period and games. In the afternoon, the four fire brigade trucks and teams gave a demonstration on safety.

Our spiritual leader for the weekend, Pastor **David O'Keefe**, through the Saturday night council fire and the Sunday morning Sam and Sally routine, saw nine Buckaroos make a decision for the Lord.

Many commanders and parents had a tremendous blessing as the Holy Spirit ministered to them and met their needs. Praise the Lord for dedicated men, such as Pastor O'Keefe.

Results of the Pow Wow are:

Camping: Boys - Garden City; Girls - Toowoomba

Sports: Boys - Chermide; Girls - Garden City

Skits: Boys - Chermide; Girls - Shiloh

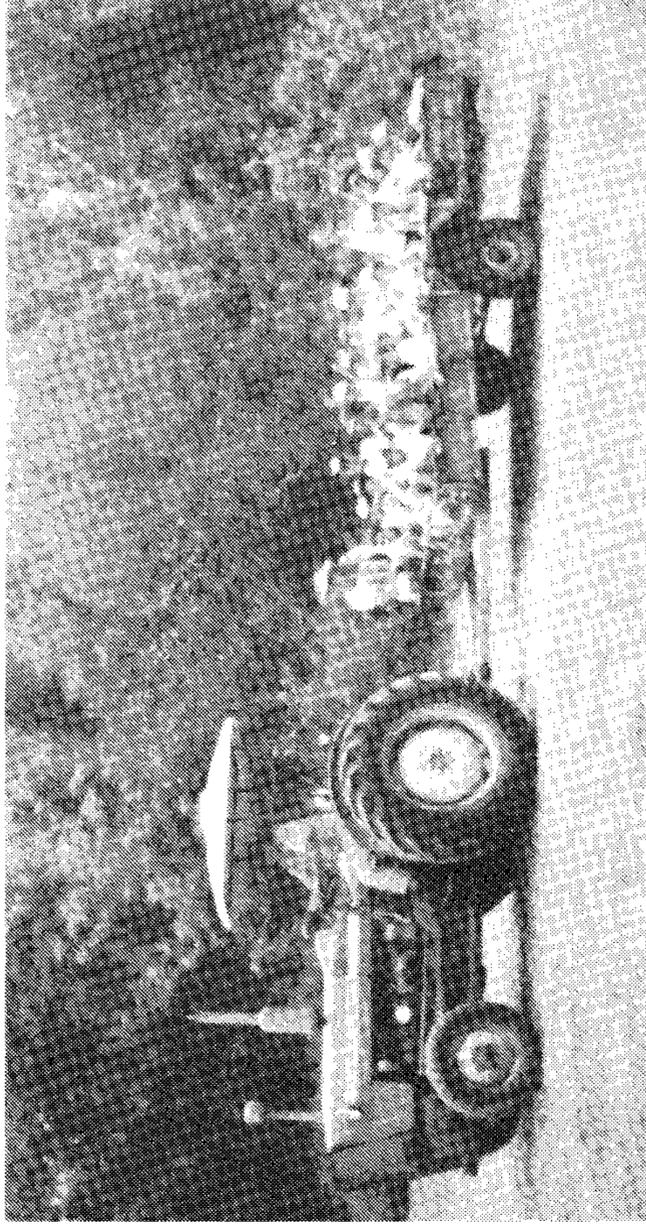
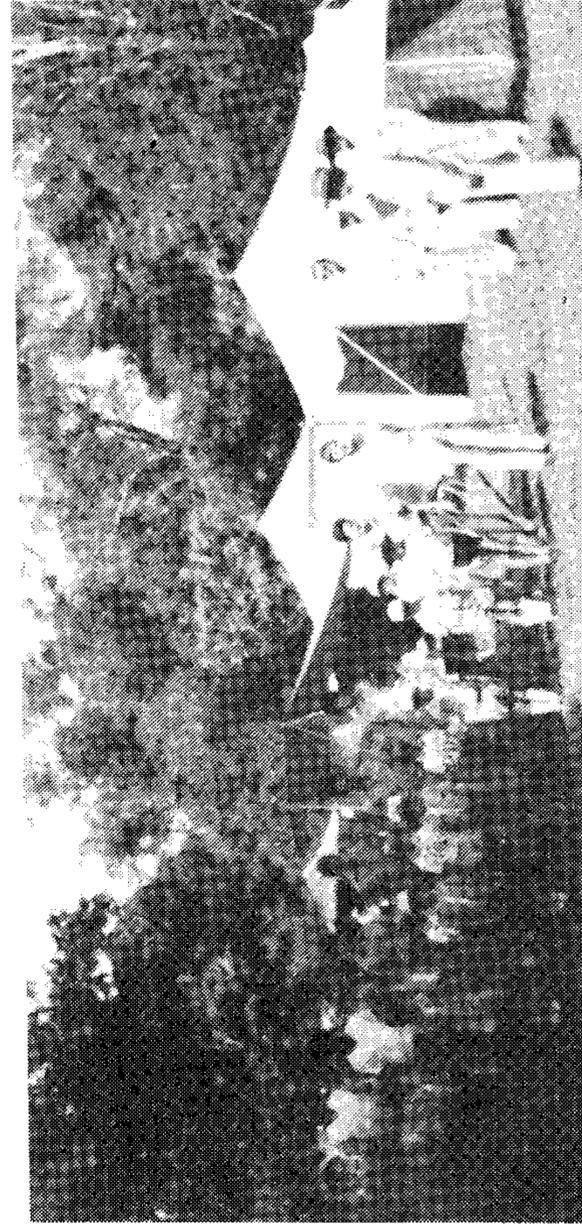
Most Parents: Belmont; **Parade:** Toowoomba

Great Race Winners:

Boys: Scot Allen of Oakley 1, Troy Blake of Pine Rivers 2, Steven Parker of Liberty 3.

Girls: Rachel Ebb of Northside 1, Nardi Artcliff of Redcliffe 2, Kerry Leeworthy of Garden City 3.

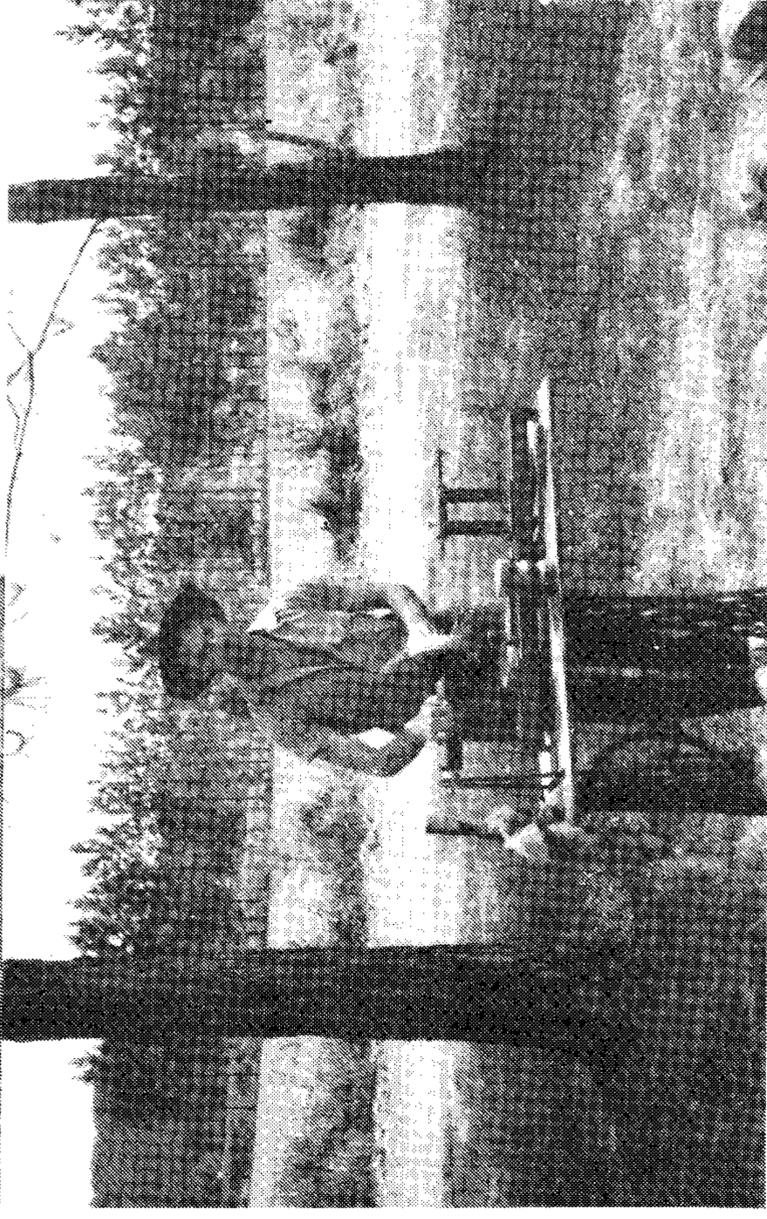
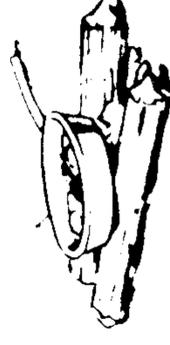
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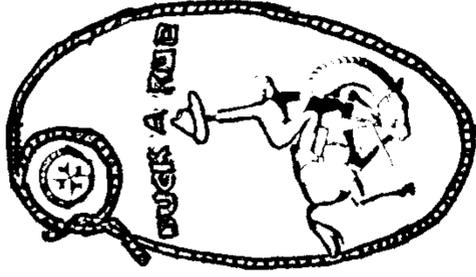
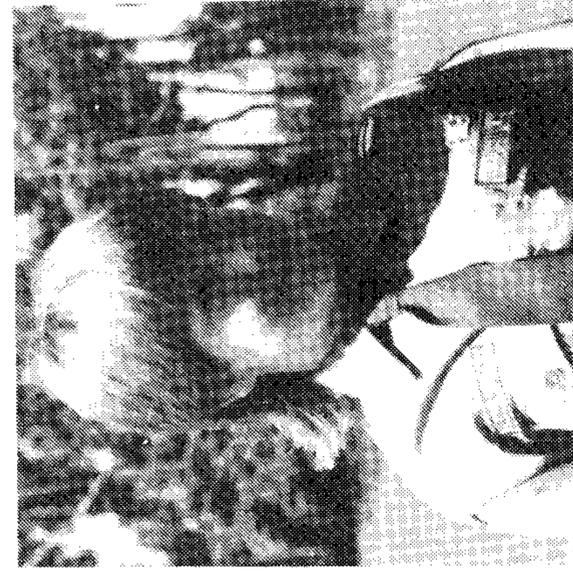
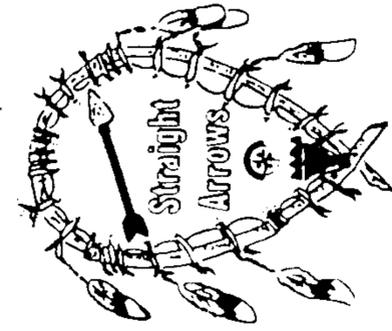


POW-WOW ENJOYMENT

TOP: Enjoying the outdoors on a tractor driven hay ride !! **LEFT:** Sam Preaches at the Sunday morning church service.

BOTTOM: Wood carving with God's natural beauty as a background.





I Like Friday because it's Royal Rangers night!

THREE 1984 award winners from Victoria have sent their comments into **Southern Cross Magazine** to inspire Royal Rangers throughout Australia. God bless these children!

Dean Baguley, Buckaroo Boy of 1984 (bottom left):

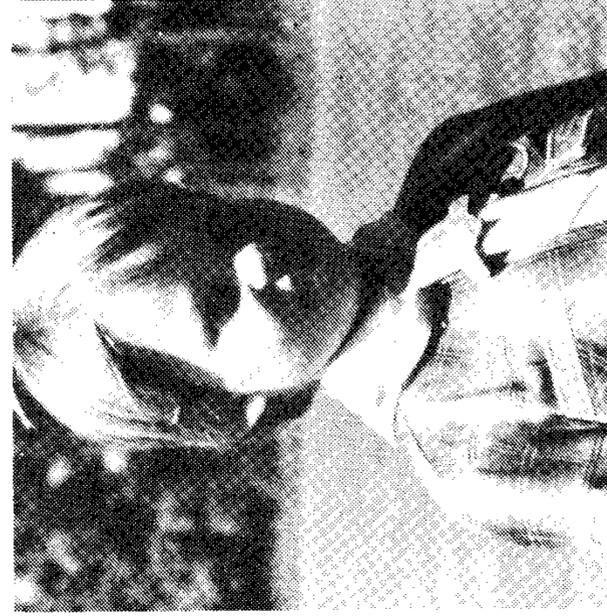
"I like Royal Rangers because you can learn more about Jesus. You can sing some songs and play some games. You can learn things to help other people."

Paul Sternberg - Straight Arrow Boy of 1984 (bottom right):

"I love Friday. It is the best night because its Royal Rangers! and best of all I like getting the badges and playing games outside. And I like learning about God."

Vanessa McGrath - Pioneer Girl of 1984 (top):

"I enjoy going to Royal Rangers because you have more fun, meet people in other churches and states who are Christians. You also learn more about God in the awards you do and aim to get."



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YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE OF OUR YOUTH

EVERY ROYAL RANGER LEADER should read this exceptional article on today's youth ministry. An Assemblies of God youth leader **Tony Cervero**, wrote this article which appeared in the American Pentecostal Evangel magazine of April 21, 1985. What he says will strike deep into one's heart.

REMEMBER when your parents used to say, "When I was your age . . ." and you wanted to scream, it's different today!"

Yes, things really ARE different today."

In September 1984 an American television station reported that many school students had spent more than 5,000 hours before a television screen than before their teachers.

Also, that the traditional family - husband wife and one child - had been reduced to one-seventh of American households.

More than half of American families had both parents working, often leaving the child or children at home, the report said.

Drugs, Alcohol

Another American television station reported that one in three teenagers drink alcohol, one in eight used drugs and one in three who used drugs became addicted.

In an American journal, an article said one in four females and one in seven males were sexually abused before they had their 18th birthday.

Yes, things are different today. Today's young people face a unique set of circumstances and pressures.

According to Newsweek Magazine



of November 12, 1984, the suicide rate for American youth aged 15-19 had risen 44% since 1970.

In the same period, suicide had gone from fifth to second position for the leading cause of death among people aged 15-24, the magazine reported.

When more than 5000 young Americans kill themselves each year, this is not just another generation.

The statistics say something is uniquely difficult about today's teenage experience.

Of course, there is the media bombardment that previous generation did not have. Television, movies and videos, instantly transmit values that can be changed and manipulated at the whim or fancy of some people.

In December 1983, Ladies Home Journal published the findings of the California Institute for Scientific Analysis.

The institute's report said that in the 1981-1982 prime time television season both commercials and dramas contained more than eight examples of alcohol consumption in an average viewing hour.

No one comes out and says drinking is socially acceptable, but the message is communicated loud and clear.

Young people today are being bombarded with someone else's values often without realizing it.

Also, moral choices are being made at an earlier age.

Teenagers always had to make sexual choices, but never as young as they do today.

Some statistics indicate that one out of four American junior high age students has had sexual relations.

Today's teenagers are making moral choices about drugs, alcohol and sex before they mature properly. One of the major changes in today's society is the restructuring of the family.

The sense of security that earlier families enjoyed is disappearing. Broken families are a way of life today.

Never has a generation had so much time away from the supervision of their parents at such an early age.

Today's teenagers tend to be away from home often more than they are at home. The situation makes it easier for teenagers to fall prey to temptation.

Young people today are maturing earlier, physically and mentally, than in previous generations.

This does not mean they are wiser or have better judgement. They have more body to deal with and more facts in their head, but they do not have the maturity to handle this.

The facts are sobering but the challenge is ours. We have a divine mandate.

The facts are not just about someone else's youth. Many of them are ours.

Much of what is going on is taking place in the context of our living rooms. We must not sit idle.

Only one thing is greater than the need; that is, what God can do.

Look to God

He can MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

Our teenagers need God.

Only the power and love of the Holy Spirit can change today's society.

Jesus Christ can meet the teenager's need for personal worth, a feeling of closeness and personal meaning.

When the power and love of God and the direction of Jesus Christ motivate teenagers, they will stand out in today's society.

Teenagers have bought fame to people like Boy George and Michael Jackson.

Christian teenagers can bring the life changing power of Jesus Christ to their peers and others.

Our teenagers are the greatest resource in the church. They need the Word of God!

Your Role

Our young people need YOU!

Often the church will hire a youth pastor to direct youth activities. Young people need these youth pastors.

But they also need their parents, their friends and their senior pastors just as much. They look to these people for direction.

Teenagers need you!

Your children are growing up fast.

Your time with them should not be wasted. Suddenly, you will find them in adolescence and ready to move away, and you have missed the joy of looking at their faces because you have been so busy making things for them.

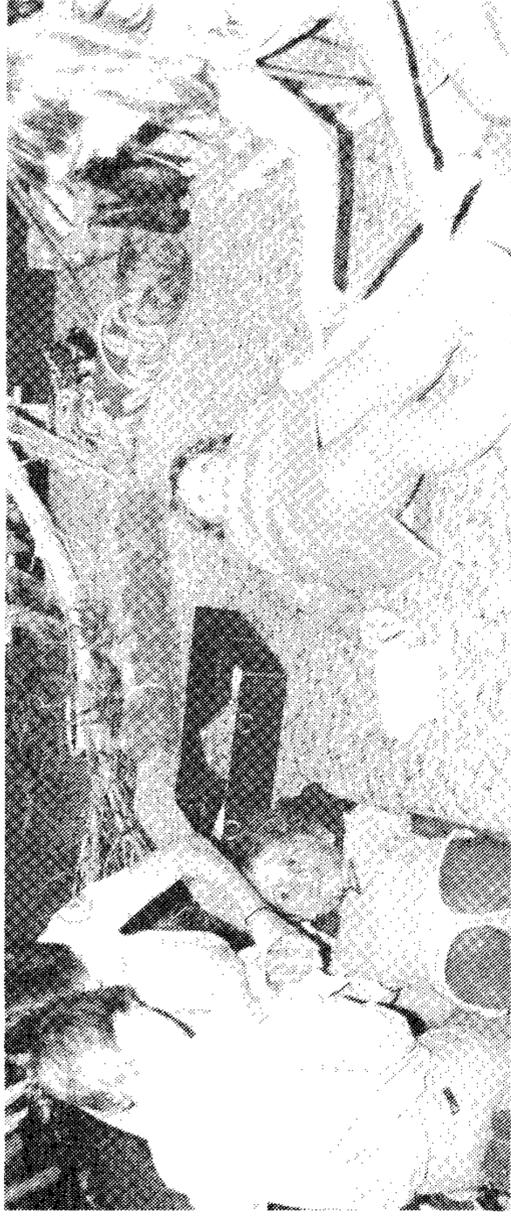
We are a culture of goal seekers, but I have news for you.

Young people are so much interested in the process of life as the goals. They are not so concerned with what you give them as the relationship you build with them.

They need you more than they need your cars. They need your love.

Our young people are dying of loneliness. We need youth ministry. **YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

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New Life Centre, Hervey Bay Receives Royal Rangers Charter

IT WAS AN HISTORIC NIGHT for the Assemblies of God Church, New Life Centre, in Hervey Bay, Queensland when Royal Rangers received their charter certificates to become part of the worldwide movement of God.

Rangers from Straight Arrows, Buckaroos, Pioneers and Trailblazers, with their commanders, watched as Outpost Chaplain, **Pastor Gordon Carter**, presented the RR flag to Senior Commander, **Don Walker**.

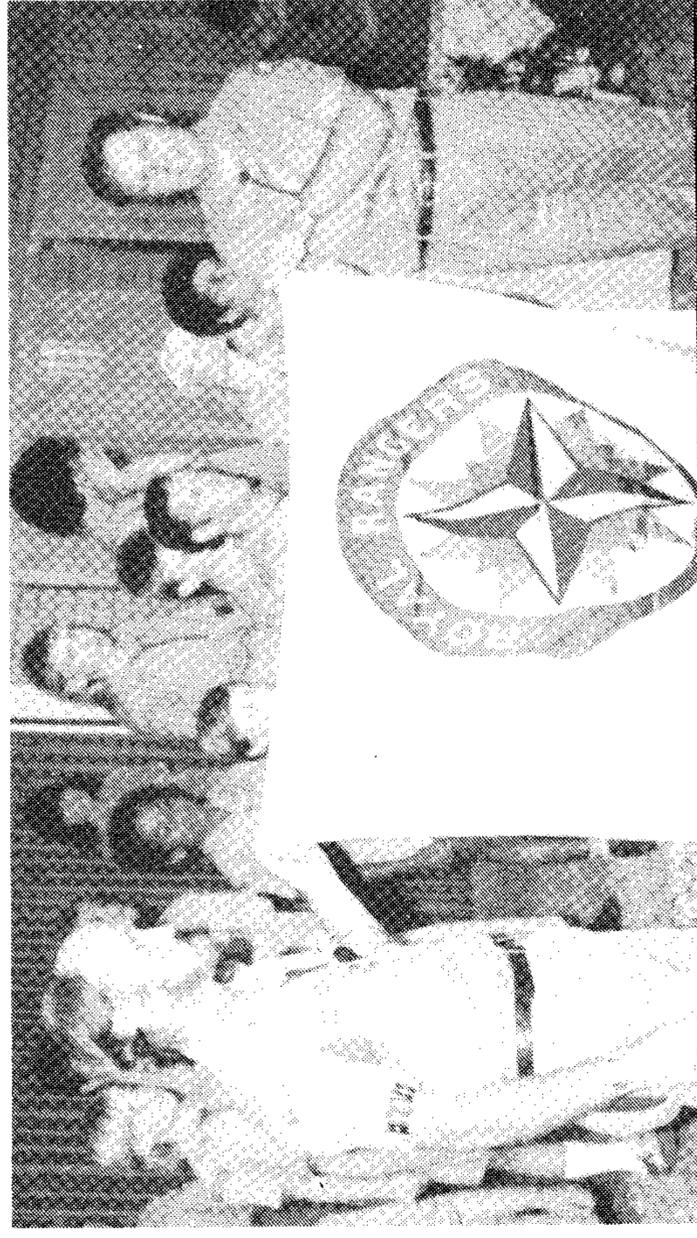
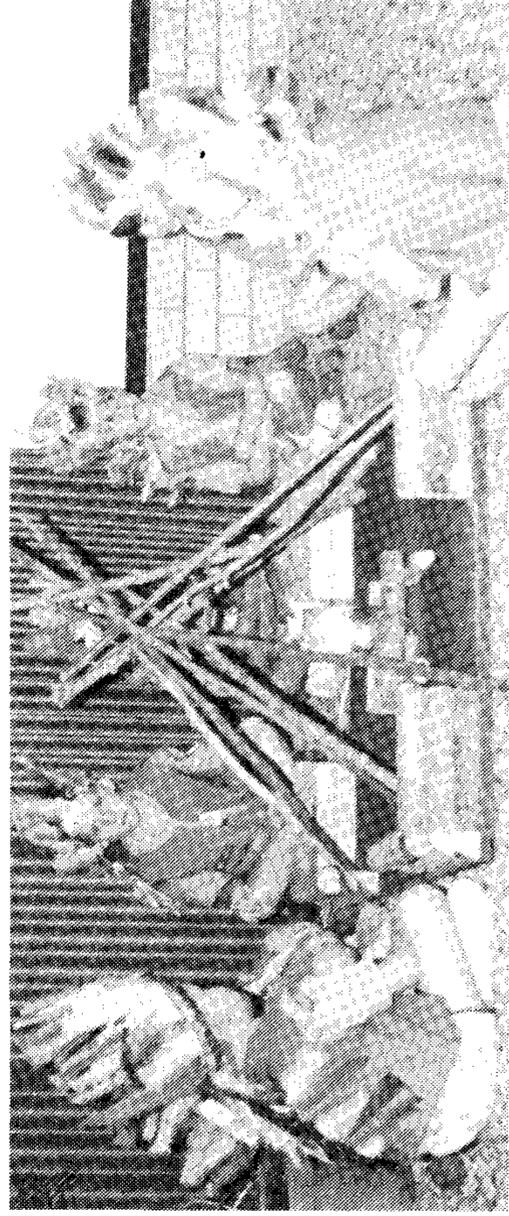
After the parade it was show time for the congregation who saw the outposts demonstrate the skills they were taught. Straight Arrows, wearing Indian headbands and necklaces, performed an Indian story around 'the campfire'.

Buckaroos demonstrated cowboy skills in front of their "the campfire". Buckaroos demonstrated cowboys skill in front of their "corral". Pioneers "came to the rescue" with first aid when "a tree fell" on two Royal Rangers "hiking through the forest".

Trailblazers constructed a ladder with branches, ropes and lashings; gave a short talk on the RR movement and described the involvement in obtaining hobby, tool craft, hostess and Bible awards.

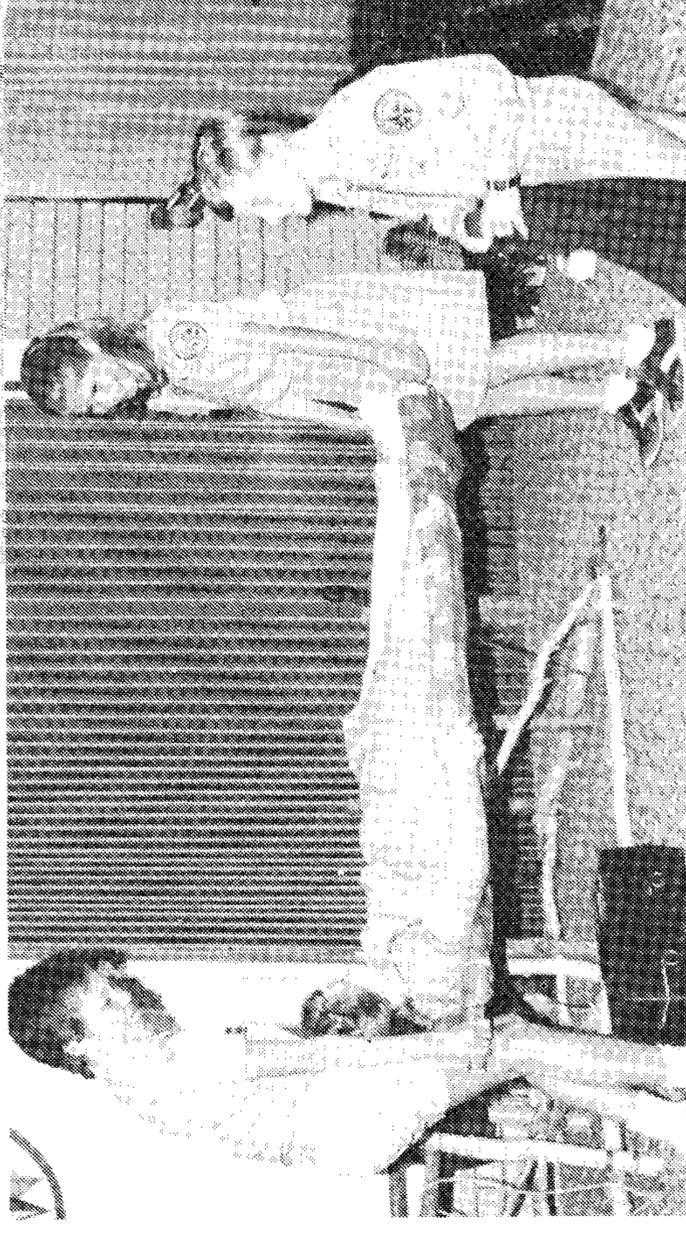
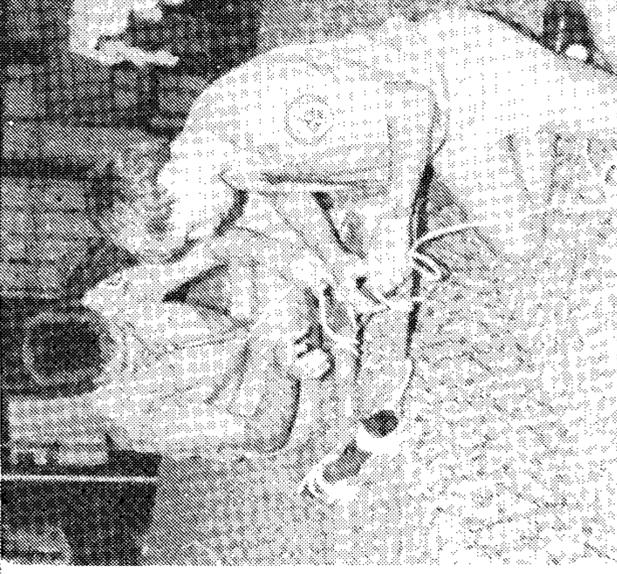
Two Trailblazer girls sang "Gentle Hands" to end an historic night.

Article Credit: Delmai Winnet



HERVEY BAY'S HISTORIC NIGHT

TOP: Waving the flag on charter night;
RIGHT: Knots and lashings, ranger style.
BOTTOM: Helping "a victim" with first aid.





SMILE EVERYONE! IT'S OVER AT LAST!

NTC STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

It was a weekend for the birds with bluefeet at the 1985 NSW National Training Camp for Royal Ranger Commanders held last June.

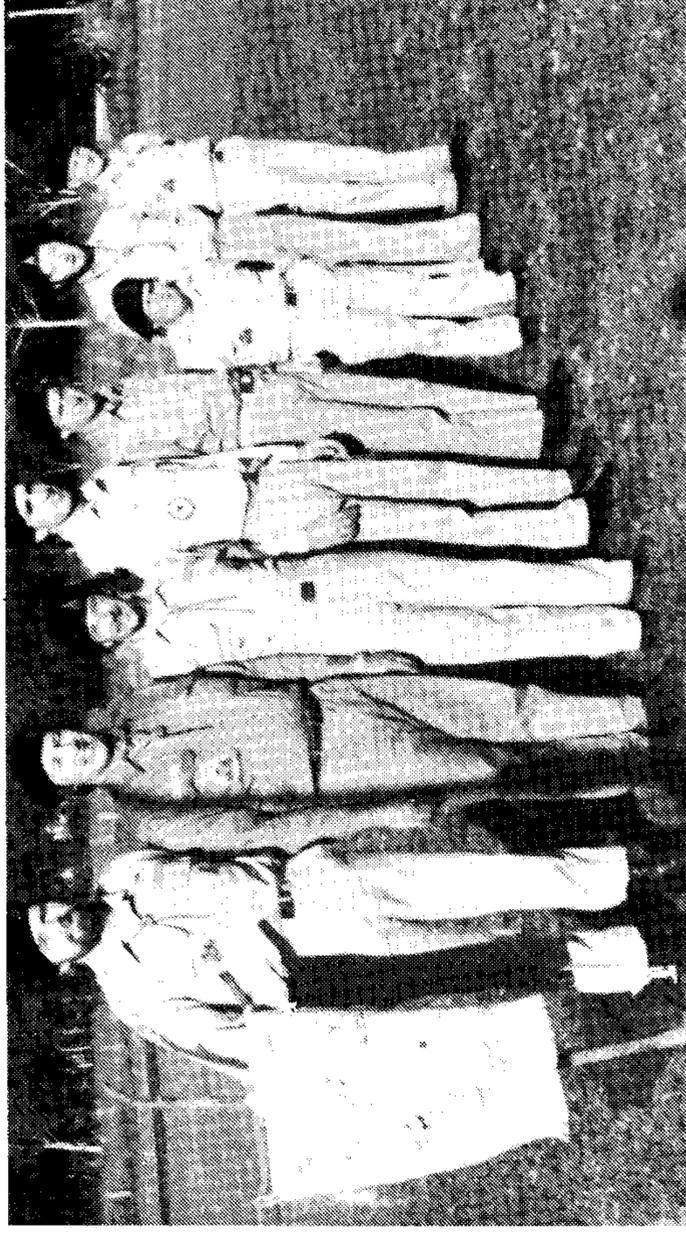
A total of 30 leaders, 18 males and 12 females, left the pleasures of a warm home to brave the cold conditions at Camp Hebron, near historic Picton township.

The leaders formed four patrols and let their imaginations run wild to name their groups, the **Night Owls**, **Proud Peacocks**, **Pentecostal Penguins** and **Bluefeet** Patrols.

Under the watchful eye of Camp Commander, **Keith Speechly**, and Senior Guide, **Andrew Speechly**, the four patrols quickly grasped the camp spirit and gave an enthusiastic display of Christian fellowship and team involvement.

The weather also took part in the camp spirit. Unlike last year's NSW NTC, there was NO wind, frost or rain! Chilly? Yes, but most bearable! However, it was unusual weather for Picton, considering that nearby Goulburn had extremely chilly conditions and snow fell in Katoomba!

No camp is perfect and this NTC had its human faults! Leaders were found guilty of having more than one person in a restricted area for axes and saws, em-bedding two axes for safekeeping in a live tree, having part of a patrol late for morning parade and not blowing the programme horn on time to wake up the camp.



Pentecostal Penguin Patrol . . . *Spiritual Waddlers.*

To punish the offenders - and all patrols were found guilty - was a matter for the senior guide. Instead of the usual practical punishment details, essays were handed out.

Patrols were given 50 words for the first offence, 100 words for the second and 150 words plus Knotty for the third offence. Two patrols received Knotty, a figure formed from rope and hung around a patrol guide's neck!

The spiritual side of the camp was engrossing with Petersham's Assistant Pastor, **Barry Saar**, delivering powerful sermons on dedicated commitment to God's will and service. Pastor Saar told the leaders to follow the footsteps of our **Lord Jesus Christ** and receive the full blessings of God.

Highlight of the NTC was the overnight hike and camp. The Penguin Patrol led way with a brisk waddling pace to find the new campsite (in a huge cow paddock!)

The Bluefeet Patrol, as the Programme Patrol, built the council campfire where the leaders dedicated themselves to God and mankind by throwing an evergreen into the blaze.

As the leaders drew away from the campfire to find more warmth in their insulated sleeping bags, lying snugly in the corner of their tents, the stars were shining brightly against a beautiful and cloudless sky.

God was keeping an eternal watch on his faithful flock.

"I, Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring for David, and the bright and morning star." Revelation 22:16 KJV.

Article Credit: **Sandy Savos**. Photo Credit: **Keith Speechly**

Opposite: Night Owl Patrol, Bluefeet Patrol and Proud Peacock Patrol.
Top to Bottom: Night Owl Patrol, Bluefeet Patrol and Proud Peacock Patrol.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

In the June issue we informed you for the need to help overseas groups — that this part of the world had been given to Australian Royal Rangers to help the people of the various countries to **Reach, Teach and Keep their boys and girls for Christ.**

Since then we have had one assembly's Royal Rangers' Trailblazer Girls Outpost come through with a wonderful donation. Toowoomba's outpost raised \$100 for assistance in helping Sri Lanka's Royal Rangers. We are working at present with a Sri Lankan leader to assist them with printing their Royal Rangers books in their own language, since their children learn to read that first at Primary School. **Well done Toowoomba Trailblazer Girl's Outpost!**

However there are great calls on this office and Australia - your help is needed. Without it we cannot assist these countries. Since we last informed you of the need the following things have occurred.

1. State Commander Barry Weller (Western Australia) visited Fiji and established contact with Commander Arthur Rayawa, who is working to translate the Royal Rangers materials into Fijian. Commander Rayawa who works from South Pacific Bible College, Suva, has written to us to advise that there is as yet, no National Royal Rangers Committee. . . . "The Royal Rangers in Fiji are not recognised as a separate department but are recognised in the individual churches. We are therefore without a charter system." (Editors note-therefore there is no national income).

"At present six churches have the Royal Rangers ministry and two more churches are about to begin. All of us need your help."

Commander Rayawa then requested various books, etc and assistance.

2. In August the prayers of many leaders over the past twenty years were answered, when we received a letter from National Commander Percy Ganda of Royal Rangers of Papua New Guinea. He wrote to inform us that:

"A decision has been taken to adopt the Royal Rangers ministry in Papua New Guinea. We are planning to introduce the programme during the tenth anniversary of Papua New Guinea's Independence celebrations — the Royal Rangers will be marching alongside other groups in three of our towns, namely Port Moresby, Wewak and Mount Hagen."

As a result of that decision Royal Rangers Supply House was asked to send T-shirts, Navy blue shorts and Royal Rangers flags for the three marching groups. Over \$1800 of equipment was sent to Papua New Guinea. **That decision was funded in faith by the World Mission Board. However we have to do all that we can to assist them with that item. To date one church (I am aware) has sent \$100 donation, that was Petersham Christian Fellowship Centre. However another \$1700 is required to finance this initial step in Papua New Guinea. Donations should be sent direct to World Missions, marked towards costs of "Papua New Guinea Royal Rangers initial uniform requirements".**

3. Another two churches in Malaysia have chartered to Australia. You will recall that we asked in June for your groups to adopt some of the Malaysian groups, **there are now six groups in need of adoption.** Our Southeast Asian fund is now well overdrawn, who will help us finance the work being done in Malaysia? The new groups are:

Emmanuel A.O.G.
Ipoh Perak
PERAK* 1
1985 Strength — 19

Salim Gospel Centre
Gombak Selangor
Selangor* 2
1985 Strength — 20

YOUR DONATIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED, PLEASE WRITE SOON.

